

## MERRIMAN VALLEY BUSINESS AREA

### Location and Description

- North Akron in the Cuyahoga River Valley
- Desirable physical setting between Sand Run Metropolitan Park and the Cuyahoga Valley National Park

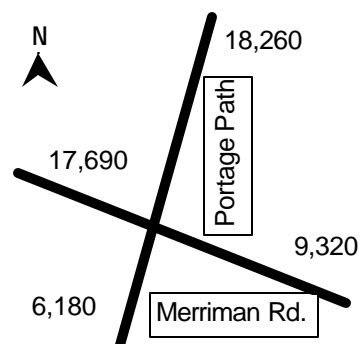
### Current Business Mix and Buildings

- Destination tourism, entertainment and recreational opportunities, including arts organizations, restaurants, physical fitness facilities, golf, other outdoor recreation
- Variety of mostly freestanding one story buildings; newer strip shopping centers; specialty foods stores, restaurants, personal service businesses, professional offices, pharmacies, sporting goods stores
- Private parking

### Neighborhood Assets and Landmarks

- Public transportation via METRO Bus Route #28
- Weathervane Theater, Liberty Commons
- Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath; Cuyahoga River
- Essex Elementary School
- Wide range of housing opportunities includes single-family homes, condominiums and townhouses, and apartments

### Average Daily Traffic Volume



2000 Demographics	Within 2.0 miles		Akron		Summit County	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Population	24,643	100	217,088	100	542,899	100
Population Per Square Mile	1,791.3	NA	3,497.5	NA	1,315.4	NA
Households	11,399	100	90,143	100	217,865	100
Family Households	6,740	59	54,104	60	145,058	67
Persons Per Household	2.2	NA	2.4	NA	2.4	NA
Average Household Income	\$65,247	NA	\$41,631	NA	\$55,839	NA
Housing Units	12,297	100	97,265	100	230,880	100
Owner Occupied Housing Units	7,730	63	53,441	55	152,996	66
Owner Occupied Average Home Value	\$162,762	NA	\$90,503	NA	\$133,503	NA

2000 Age Distribution	Within 2.0 miles		Akron		Summit County	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Under 20 Years	5,578	22.6	61,764	28.5	149,564	27.5
20 and Older	19,065	77.4	155,324	71.5	393,335	72.5
65 and Older	4,432	18.0	29,534	13.6	76,745	14.1

2000 Education Levels	Within 2.0 miles		Akron		Summit County	
(Of Population 25 Years and Over)	#	%	#	%	#	%
High School Graduate	3,161	18	49,418	35	121,705	34
Bachelor's, Graduate, Professional	8,218	47	25,110	18	91,096	25